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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 3731 }
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Confirmation No.: 5422 }
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Application No.: 10/758,372 }
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Invention: SOFT TISSUE LOCKING DEVICE }
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Applicant: Herbert E. Schwartz et al. }
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Attorney }
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Examiner: Julian W. Woo }

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

MAIL STOP Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2006, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.